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Applicant(s): J. TANAKA, et al  
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For: DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS FOR SEMICONDUCTOR  
PROCESSING APPARATUS  
Group: 1763  
Examiner: P. Hassanzadeh

**RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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October 25, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2004, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

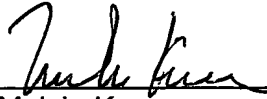
As to the requirement for election of one of the inventions identified as invention I - claims 11-17, drawn to an apparatus and invention II - claims 18-19, drawn to a method, applicants elect invention I - claims 11-17 for further prosecution at this time.

Accordingly, favorable action with respect to claims 11-17 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing

of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135  
(500.41371VX1) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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